GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
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WATER STORAGE CAPACITY IN JHARKHAND
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether even after good rain fall in Jharkhand, the desired quantity of water could not be stored for irrigation due to the hilly terrain of the region;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the total storage capacity created and likely to be created by the ongoing projects; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the water storage capacity in the State alongwith the funds allocated and released for the same during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (c) The annual average normal rainfall of Jharkhand is 1329 mm. The rainfall varies between about 1246 mm to 1600 mm in different agro-climatic sub-zones covering Jharkhand. As per available information, the created storage capacity is about 2472 million cubic meter and the estimated storage capacity of the on-going projects is about 6878 million cubic meter.

Several measures for irrigation development and management are undertaken by the respective State Governments through major and medium irrigation projects and minor irrigation schemes (both through ground water and surface water). Government of India provides central assistance to the State Governments under various schemes/programmes such as Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP) and scheme for repair, renovation and restoration of water bodies. During the last three years (2006-07 to 2008-09), Ministry of Water Resources has released grant of Rs. 14.23 crores under AIBP and Rs. 5.87 crores under the scheme for repair, renovation and restoration of water Bodies.